

Application No.: 09/432,007
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-6, 12 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chaum (U.S. 5,485,520). Claims 7-11, 13 and 15-16, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 1-6 have been cancelled and the features of claims 1, and 4-6 have been incorporated into claim 7. In addition, claim 12 has been cancelled and its features have been incorporated into claim 13. Furthermore, claim 14 has been cancelled and its features have been incorporated into claim 15.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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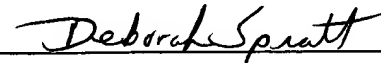
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